(c) The scheme is already in progress in Orissa and the following two projects have been approved so far in respect of Bhubaneshwar as per details given below:-

SI No.	City	Sector	Project Name	Approved Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Date of Approval by Sanct-ioning Authority	Central Share Released (Rs. in Lakhs)	Target Comple-tion period
1	Bhuban-eshwar	Sewerage	Integrated Sewerage project	49891.35	22/02/07	5158.40	February 2011
2.	Bhuban-eshwar	Urban Renewal	Conservation *of* the Heritage Tank of Bindusagar in Bhubaneshwar city	601.31	09/02/07	120.26	February 2009

Safety of multi-storeyed buildings

568. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no legislation for the safety of multi-storeyed buildings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that every year, a large number of old and dilapidated buildings collapse in Delhi and Mumbai;

(c) if so. whether Government propose to bring a legislation making if compulsory for all building owners and builders responsible for safe working of lifts, escalators and rescue devices; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Auction of plot by DDA

569. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 25 hectares of plot, valued at Rs. 20,000 crores, was auctioned by the DDA for Rs. 1100 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any demand for CBI probe into this scam which resulted in the colossal loss to DDA; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) DDA has reported that no such auction has been made by DDA.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Construction of houses in unauthorised colonies

570. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU AS1M AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of houses in recently approved unauthorized colonies is not permissible at present and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware that MCD staff and local police officials have been minting money from the landlords of these colonies who are constructing their houses in those colonies;

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) by when construction of houses would be allowed in those colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Sanction of building plan can be done by the local body concerned only on regularization of unauthorized colonies.

(b) and (c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Police has reported that no such complaint has been received/is under investigation except one case where a vigilance enquiry is under process in Delhi Police.

(d) A firm date can not be given at this stage in view of the legal and administrative issues involved.

Hardships to pedestrians due to construction of flyovers and metros

571. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the hardships faced by school going children, aged citizens and disabled on account of construction of flyovers and metros;

(b) whether roads are meant only for motorists and vehicle owners; and

(c) the concern of Government for the plight of pedestrians in developing urban India who are tax payers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Urban Transport is a State subject. As such, construction of flyovers is undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territories/